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2. Superior Command: not ascertained.
3. Quarters: in the barracks south of the road to Szeged, where the Hodmazö-vásárhely-Szentes railway line branches off. The barracks were converted, fixed up, and enlarged with new buildings in 1950 and 1951.
4. Organization:

Regimental staff	about 40 men
Staff company	" 50 "
Reconnaissance company	" 90 "
Accompanying battery	" 100 "
Antitank company	" 100 "
Light mortar company	" 80 "
Heavy mortar company	" 100 "
AA machine gun company	" 80 "
Signal company	" 90 "
1st Battalion	
Battalion staff	about 40 men
Light mortar platoon.	" 25 "
Antitank gun platoon.	" 25 "
Signal platoon.	" 25 "
4 companies, 80 men each	" 320 "
Aggregate	about 435 men
2nd Battalion	" 435 "
3rd Battalion	" 435 "
Regiment	about 2,035 "

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5. Armament:

Hodmező-Vásárhely

- a. Regimental troops: Accompanying battery, 4 guns, 76.2 mm.
 Antitank company, 6 pieces, 57 mm.
 Light mortar company, 6 pieces, 82 mm.
 Heavy mortar company, 6 pieces, 120 mm.
 AA company, 6 machine guns, 12.7 mm.
- b. Battalions: Rifle companies, each, 4 repeating pistols, 25 machine pistols,
 45 carbines, 9 light machine guns.
 Machine gun company, 15 repeating pistols, 10 machine pistols,
 40 carbines, 12 Maxim machine guns.
 Each battalion has also three 82 mm mortars and two 47 mm
 antitank cannon.

- 6. Vehicle Park: 4 Skoda cross country personnel carriers; 1 Soviet model personnel carrier; 5 Raba trucks; 5 Csepel motorcycles. The regimental troops are horse-drawn.

7. Officers:

- a. The 3rd Battalion commander is Captain Sós, a former noncommissioned officer, 40 years old, not bad natured.
- b. Company commanders in this battalion are Lieutenants Béla Dorner, 26; Sandor Farkas, 24; and Imre Egri, 26.
- c. Regimental Quartermaster: 1st Lt. György Józsan.
- d. Regimental Ordnance officer: 1st Lt. Janos Kossa.

- 8. Recruiting: The regiment received about 800 recruits of the class of 1931 on 2 Oct 52; 30 percent were from Budapest and vicinity; 40 percent from West Hungary; 18 percent from northeast Hungary; and 12 percent from other places. The morale of the troops is excellent.

- 9. Training: Recruit training continues until the end of Feb. Training by platoons follows through Apr, after which company training begins. Firing practice with machine guns and hand grenades goes on from Nov to Mar. The level of training is very good.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch of Barracks at Hodmezovasarhely

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